

## TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW 60 CENTER SQUARE EAST LONGMEADOW, MA 01028

March 23, 2020

To All East Longmeadow Residents and Businesses,

Today, Monday March 23, 2020, Governor Baker ordered the temporary closure of all businesses and organizations except those which provide essential Covid-19 services. This closure begins at 12 p.m. tomorrow, March 24, 2020 through 12 p.m. on April 7, 2020.

Businesses that serve our community such as restaurants, pharmacies, select daycares, hardware stores, pet stores and gas stations, among others, may remain open under restrictions issued previously. Additionally, the previous limitation on gatherings to no more than twenty-five (25), has been further reduced to no more than ten (10).

The Town Hall remains closed to the public, a skeleton staff of employees are still handling all essential business matters remotely. A partial list of what you can expect from each department is available on our Covid-19 website at <a href="https://www.eastlongmeadowma.gov/covid19">https://www.eastlongmeadowma.gov/covid19</a>. This information will be supplemented as soon as new changes are made.

There is a national shortage of masks and our local first responders need them to protect themselves as they respond to individuals who may have Covid-19. If you are an establishment that use masks as part of your regular operations and have a supply that you will not be using during this closure, please consider donating these masks to the East Longmeadow Fire Department. To donate masks please call the Covid-19 Hotline (413) 486-9000 and someone will return your call with instructions on how to make the donation.

The Town anticipates full cooperation from our business owners, operators and residents. Town officials are very mindful of and appreciate the hardship this Order presents to our residents and businesses. We expect you to continue to stay at home unless you absolutely need to go out; if you must be out, please be sure to maintain a six (6) foot distance from others and wash your hands for twenty (20) seconds as often as possible after contact. If you have any questions, please call our COVID-19 hotline at (413) 486-9000 or email us at covid19@eastlongmeadowma.gov. Following this Order, while difficult, will mitigate the impact of Covid 19 on our families, friends and neighbors.

Your anticipated cooperation is much appreciated.

Town Manager